



Crop Progress and Condition

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Warm, Dry Weather in Idaho

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 10% very poor, 20% poor, 37% fair, 30% good, and 3% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 33 degrees Fahrenheit in the south central region and a high temperature of 96 degrees Fahrenheit was reported in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 3 to 14 degrees above normal. Most crops were harvested across the state. Winter wheat planting activity continued to increase as the fall season grew closer. Idaho experienced warm dry weather during this reporting week. The weather helped hay and bean dry down. South central Idaho corn for grain was maturing well. Southeastern Idaho reporters indicated most crops were harvested with some silage corn and grain corn remaining. The state sugarbeet harvests were slowly progressing. Cattle were on the range and looked good. Overall Idaho crops remained in good condition as the state continued through the season.

Dry Weather for the Harvest Washington

There were 7.0 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 45% very poor, 30% poor, 15% fair and 10% good. The rain in previous weeks helped rejuvenate the pastures in western Washington, as well as the soil moisture to some extent. Green chop was coming off thick. Growers reached the tail end of corn silage harvest while much of the harvest was already in the bunker. Apple harvest was underway in Snohomish County. The winter wheat crop in central Washington suffered due to low soil moisture at seeding. The average temperatures were generally warmer during the days this reporting week with little precipitation. Colder weather in the mornings affected gardens and the trees started to turn color. Farmers were planting wheat. In Klickitat County, ranchers headed to the mountain and the cows slowly began to come home. The hop harvest remained in full swing. The apple harvest focused on mid-season varieties. Winter squashes, including pumpkins, and melons were visible as the canopy started to die back. Third cutting alfalfa was baled and field corn harvest was in full swing. Eastern Washington reported typical fall days, no precipitation and dry conditions. Peaches, nectarines, onions, carrots, and dry beans were being harvested. Buckwheat was swathed along with fourth cutting of alfalfa and some grass hay. Some fourth cutting hay was also baled. The planted winter wheat emerged fairly rapidly.

Harvests Continued with Only Small Amounts of Rain Reported in Oregon

There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 29% very poor, 38% poor, 27% fair, and 6% good. In the northwestern region, pastures and green chop fields improved with recent rains. Corn silage harvest continued and was nearing completion. Planting to grass rotation after corn harvest continued. Columbia County reported about one-half inch of rain and moderate temperatures. Some fall pasture seeding continued and some fields were prepared for later fall grain seeding. The South Valley saw very little rain and grass seed farmers were holding off drilling fall seed due to lack of moisture. Filbert harvest started. Sweet corn harvest neared completion. Corn silage harvest was nearly complete, which was two weeks earlier than usual years. Washington County reported that a fifth cutting of alfalfa was done. Filberts were falling rapidly, and some picking occurred. Pumpkins were abundant, farmers markets slowed, and cover crops were disked under. Pastures were short and livestock were on supplemental feed. Low temperature was 41 degrees, with a high temperature of 72 degrees. The northcentral region reported fair weather, mostly dry and seasonable temperatures. Winter pear harvest continued in the upper Hood River Valley and apple harvest continued throughout the valley. Baker County reported that calves were being weaned. Corn harvest had started. Potatoes were being harvested and looked good. Pastures were short and holding for now. The southeastern region reported that third cutting alfalfa was going strong. Potato and onion harvests were underway and going well. Cattle were being brought home from summer ranges. Harvest of strawberry plants had begun with the cooler evening temperatures. Fall calving started in a portion of Lake County. Producers weaned and shipped to fall pastures. No precipitation was reported. In Coos and Curry Counties, only a trace of precipitation was reported. D3 drought conditions remained. Cattle continued to be shipped to feedlots earlier for feed and water. Pastures were irrigated where possible. Fruit crops on the coast looked good. The low temperature was 42 degrees in Bandon and the high was 74 degrees in Brookings. In Jackson County, pumpkins were on schedule and ready. Grape harvest continued and looked good.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/27/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	17	39	37	7
Oregon	35	49	16	-
Washington.....	34	37	29	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	13	44	40	3
Oregon	41	46	13	-
Washington.....	40	38	22	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho	1	3	13	68	15
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	10	83	7
Oregon	1	1	35	56	7
Washington.....	2	3	43	43	9

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 21 - September 27, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
NORTH														
Coeur d' Alene	37	79	59	+3	66	+15	0.00	-0.24	0	0.45	-0.55	45	6	
Fenn	44	85	63	+7	95	+39	0.00	-0.56	0	1.51	-0.43	78	8	
Lewiston	43	88	65	+5	108	+35	0.00	-0.21	0	0.65	-0.07	90	5	
Bonnars Ferry	37	79	58	+5	55	+21	0.11	-0.17	2	0.41	-0.63	39	5	
Nezperce	34	80	57	+5	53	+19	0.00	-0.34	0	1.24	+0.05	104	9	
SOUTHWEST														
Boise	45	96	67	+7	121	+44	0.03	-0.17	2	0.93	+0.23	133	9	
Emmett	45	90	66	+6	112	+39	0.00	-0.19	0	0.65	+0.00	100	6	
Glenns Ferry	44	93	68	+10	126	+64	0.02	-0.12	2	0.80	+0.37	186	5	
Grand View	41	96	67	+9	118	+55	0.00	-0.14	0	0.40	-0.13	75	3	
Nampa	45	91	66	+8	111	+49	0.01	-0.13	1	0.45	-0.05	90	4	
Parma	44	87	66	+9	115	+56	0.00	-0.14	0	0.42	-0.17	71	5	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Fairfield	33	88	60	+7	67	+36	0.00	-0.17	0	0.74	+0.11	117	3	
Malta	35	94	64	+9	96	+55	0.01	-0.20	1	0.67	-0.14	83	6	
Picabo	45	90	66	+14	110	+83	0.00	-0.21	0	0.79	+0.17	127	4	
Rupert	41	92	64	+8	99	+51	0.01	-0.15	1	0.27	-0.32	46	4	
Twin Falls	42	94	65	+10	110	+66	0.00	-0.19	0	0.28	-0.31	47	3	
EAST														
Aberdeen	40	89	64	+12	101	+70	0.00	-0.21	0	0.47	-0.21	69	3	
Ashton	39	88	63	+11	91	+66	0.01	-0.27	1	0.68	-0.38	64	5	
Fort Hall	39	94	65	+12	105	+71	0.01	-0.20	1	0.74	-0.01	99	3	
Idaho Falls	38	89	64	+10	96	+61	0.00	-0.21	0	0.52	-0.15	78	4	
Lava Hot Springs	41	86	64	+10	98	+59	0.00	-0.21	0	2.70	+1.77	290	5	
Montevue	36	87	62	+10	82	+53	0.00	-0.14	0	0.22	-0.33	40	5	
Preston	43	88	66	+11	111	+69	0.00	-0.35	0	2.22	+1.06	191	4	
Rexburg	34	90	62	+10	83	+54	0.01	-0.20	1	0.38	-0.40	49	4	

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	35	25	46	40
Winter wheat emerged	9	4	4	6
Potatoes harvested	46	24	37	32
Sugarbeets harvested	15	10	23	13
Field corn harvested for grain	24	15	31	6
Field corn harvested for silage	58	42	61	40
Dry edible beans harvested	87	85	77	72
Onions harvested	95	90	65	73
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	97	93	89	90
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	54	37	42	43

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 21 - September 27, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	36	70	54	-3	32	-13	0.47	+0.05	3	2.57	+1.17	184	12	
Everett.....	45	71	56	+0	46	-1	0.28	-0.27	3	2.06	+0.21	111	13	
Hoquiam.....	39	66	56	-3	40	-19	0.29	-0.51	3	2.78	+0.28	111	11	
Kelso.....	44	73	58	-2	60	-5	0.37	-0.22	3	1.13	-0.92	55	10	
Olympia.....	35	74	55	-2	37	-7	0.20	-0.35	2	1.02	-0.76	57	8	
Sea-Tac.....	45	72	58	-2	56	-7	0.24	-0.18	2	0.82	-0.60	58	8	
Shelton.....	35	71	54	-5	27	-28	0.30	-0.37	3	2.90	+0.74	134	13	
Tacoma.....	35	75	55	-4	36	-20	0.32	-0.12	2	1.40	-0.10	93	9	
Vancouver.....	41	77	60	-3	68	-11	0.32	-0.10	3	1.72	+0.25	117	9	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	31	82	60	+4	69	+25	0.00	-0.12	0	0.04	-0.39	9	2	
Omak.....	41	79	62	+4	83	+25	0.00	-0.13	0	0.01	-0.47	2	1	
Stampede Pass.....	28	64	48	-2	7	-15	1.00	-0.05	3	3.10	-0.61	84	11	
Wenatchee.....	43	77	64	+4	96	+24	0.00	-0.07	0	0.41	+0.01	103	2	
Yakima AP.....	35	80	61	+5	79	+28	0.00	-0.07	0	0.01	-0.35	3	1	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	34	78	58	+4	59	+19	0.11	-0.10	1	0.60	-0.33	65	7	
Deer Park.....	26	81	55	+2	36	+3	0.00	-0.28	0	0.33	-0.72	31	4	
Kettle Falls.....	36	76	57	+1	52	+3	0.00	-0.28	0	0.41	-0.68	38	4	
Spokane.....	39	80	60	+4	69	+22	0.00	-0.19	0	0.53	-0.17	76	2	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	42	79	63	+2	92	+13	0.00	-0.10	0	0.26	-0.08	76	4	
Lind.....	30	83	60	+3	75	+15	0.00	-0.14	0	0.56	+0.10	122	3	
Moses Lake.....	37	79	60	-2	74	-5	0.00	-0.10	0	0.17	-0.17	50	4	
Quincy.....	39	82	61	+2	79	+12	0.00	-0.09	0	0.40	-0.01	98	5	
Ritzville.....	33	82	60	+3	70	+14	0.00	-0.14	0	0.94	+0.40	174	3	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	31	86	63	-1	94	-2	0.00	-0.07	0	0.06	-0.25	19	2	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	38	88	64	+7	97	+42	0.00	-0.14	0	0.67	+0.13	124	2	
Pasco.....	35	86	61	-2	80	-6	0.00	-0.10	0	0.16	-0.15	52	4	
Pullman.....	36	82	59	+4	65	+21	0.00	-0.21	0	0.64	-0.15	81	3	
Silcott Island.....	46	86	66	+6	115	+42	0.00	-0.21	0	0.50	-0.22	69	3	
Walla Walla.....	42	83	64	+2	100	+10	0.00	-0.21	0	0.99	+0.27	138	5	
Whitman Mission.....	37	86	59	+2	66	+10	0.00	-0.20	0	0.93	+0.33	155	6	

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	59	53	65	69
Winter wheat emerged.....	37	27	34	44
Potatoes harvested.....	62	60	70	62
Field corn dented.....	75	65	73	68
Field corn mature.....	33	22	26	21
Field corn harvested for grain.....	13	9	8	6
Field corn harvested for silage.....	69	49	51	38
Dry edible beans harvested.....	95	94	94	93
Onions harvested.....	84	82	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	73	64	38	40

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 21 - September 27, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
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					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria	39	68	56	-2	45	-6	0.24	-0.48	3	2.13	-0.14	94	12	
Bandon	42	67	56	-1	48	-1	0.03	-0.39	2	0.74	-0.68	52	7	
Florence.....	36	67	55	-5	37	-23	0.27	-0.36	2	0.81	-1.16	41	5	
North Bend.....	45	68	57	-1	54	+0	0.00	-0.48	0	0.50	-0.99	34	3	
Tillamook	37	72	56	-2	43	-3	0.17	-0.84	2	1.68	-1.54	52	9	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	39	77	60	-1	69	+0	0.23	-0.26	3	1.05	-0.51	67	7	
Corvallis	39	78	59	-2	66	-8	0.23	-0.15	3	1.68	+0.39	130	8	
Detroit Lake	36	82	61	+2	76	+7	0.04	-0.83	1	1.47	-1.42	51	10	
Eugene.....	39	81	60	+2	75	+9	0.02	-0.37	2	0.76	-0.60	56	6	
Hillsboro.....	37	75	58	-3	60	-15	0.24	-0.17	2	0.86	-0.51	63	10	
McMinnville	39	76	60	+0	73	+2	0.35	-0.03	2	1.20	+0.01	101	8	
Portland	45	78	62	+0	84	+5	0.37	-0.05	3	1.26	-0.21	86	8	
Salem	40	79	61	+1	76	+6	0.19	-0.19	3	1.13	-0.12	90	5	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass	46	91	66	+6	113	+39	0.00	-0.21	0	0.20	-0.55	27	3	
Medford	48	89	68	+5	128	+36	0.00	-0.21	0	0.25	-0.44	36	4	
Roseburg	43	86	65	+2	104	+11	0.00	-0.28	0	0.37	-0.58	39	4	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon	36	83	60	+6	72	+32	0.00	-0.19	0	0.65	+0.06	110	6	
Echo	36	86	62	+3	87	+16	0.00	-0.13	0	0.20	-0.25	44	2	
Heppner.....	37	85	62	+4	84	+21	0.00	-0.19	0	0.16	-0.43	27	2	
Hermiston	36	86	62	+2	87	+16	0.00	-0.13	0	0.22	-0.23	49	2	
Madras.....	32	81	58	+3	62	+13	0.00	-0.14	0	0.04	-0.39	9	1	
Moro	32	81	61	+5	77	+28	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.46	0	0	
Parkdale	31	77	56	+0	45	+0	0.01	-0.29	1	0.63	-0.33	66	4	
Pendleton	36	82	60	-1	73	+2	0.00	-0.14	0	0.81	+0.27	150	5	
Prairie City	30	86	58	+8	56	+37	0.01	-0.20	1	0.74	-0.17	81	8	
The Dalles	42	82	65	+3	106	+14	0.00	-0.14	0	0.05	-0.41	11	2	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake	30	83	56	+4	45	+14	0.00	-0.14	0	0.35	-0.19	65	2	
Bend	33	82	59	+6	64	+33	0.04	-0.03	1	0.48	+0.02	104	4	
Burns	33	82	57	+6	51	+25	0.00	-0.14	0	0.59	+0.15	134	7	
Christmas Valley	28	84	56	+4	42	+14	0.00	-0.08	0	0.24	-0.19	56	5	
Klamath Falls	33	84	59	+5	62	+23	0.00	-0.10	0	0.08	-0.42	16	2	
Lakeview.....	31	84	57	+2	51	+5	0.00	-0.21	0	0.54	-0.14	79	6	
Lorella.....	27	86	56	+3	44	+12	0.01	-0.13	1	0.24	-0.30	44	4	
Redmond	26	82	55	-2	43	-6	0.00	-0.07	0	0.07	-0.27	21	2	
Worden.....	30	83	57	+3	50	+11	0.00	-0.10	0	0.22	-0.10	69	2	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City	31	89	57	+4	51	+14	0.00	-0.14	0	0.68	+0.01	101	5	
Joseph.....	37	81	57	+4	48	+16	0.00	-0.24	0	0.84	-0.20	81	4	
La Grande.....	36	86	60	+3	69	+19	0.00	-0.21	0	0.85	+0.10	113	4	
Imbler.....	36	87	59	+5	61	+20	0.00	-0.28	0	0.89	-0.03	97	6	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	41	88	66	+8	117	+51	0.00	-0.13	0	0.45	+0.01	102	5	
Rome.....	42	93	68	+12	125	+75	0.00	-0.14	0	0.31	-0.13	70	3	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 09/27/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	21	9	22	23
Winter wheat emerged.....	2	(NA)	5	4
Potatoes harvested.....	76	73	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain	15	7	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	69	58	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested	92	89	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	91	85	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	78	64	76	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

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